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SUBJECT: R/V S.P.LEE CLEARANCE REQUEST, 12 JAN - 25 FEB '76

1. R/V LEE, A PUBLIC VESSEL OPERATED BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, PLANS CONDUCT MARINE RESEARCH IN GULF OF CALIFORNIA.

2. OBJECTIVES OF CRUISE ARE TO LOCATE AND MAP MAJOR TECTONIC FEATURES SUCH AS TRANSFORM FAULTS AND SPREADING CENTERS AND LOCATE ACTIVELY FORMING HYDROTHERMAL HEAVY METAL DEPOSITS. THIS WILL BE SIXTH IN SERIES OF SUCH CRUISES WHICH WERE CONDUCTED AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UTILIZING R/V VELERO IV. ALL HAD ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MEXICAN SCIENTISTS REPRESENTING INSTITUTE DE GEOLOGIA, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO, THE CONSEJO DE RECURSOS NO-RENOVABLES, THE SECRETARIA DE MARINA AND THE DEPARTAMENTO DE ESTUDIOS ESPECIALES, CENTENAL. ING. CARLOS ACOSTA DEL CAMPO OF CENTENAL WILL PARTICIPATE ON THIS CRUISE AND FOUR OTHER MEXICAN SCIENTISTS CAN BE INVITED.

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3. CONTINUOUS HIGH RESOLUTION 1KHZ PROFILER WILL BE

PRIMARY EQUIPMENT; HOWEVER, A PISTON CORER AND ROCK DREDGE WILL BE USED FOR LIMITED SAMPLING OF DEEP BASINS.

CHIEF SCIENTIST ON CRUISE WILL BE DR. JAMES L. BISCHOFF.
SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM.

4. SHIP'S SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

12 JAN DEPART REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.
18 JAN ARR. MAZATLAN, MEX
19 JAN BEGIN RESEARCH
9 FEB ARR LA PAZ, MEX
11 FEB RESUME RESEARCH
18 FEB ARR LA PAZ, MEX
25 FEB ARR REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.

5. SHIP'S MASTER IS GERALD PETRONI WITH CREW OF 27 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 18. SHIP IS 1297 GROSS TONS, 208 FT LONG, AND HAS DRAFT OF 14 FT. CALL SIGN IS NDXA AND SHIP MONITORS 500 KHZ AND COMMUNICATES DAILY WITH USGS AT MENLOARK.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR R/VLEE TO CONDUCT MARINE RESEARCH ON CONTINENTAL SHELF OF MEXICO FOR PERIOD 12 JAN - 25 FEB '76.

B. STRESS ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH GOM AND ENCOURAGE FOREIGN PARTICIPATION.

C. REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR PORT CALLS LISTED PARA 4. KISSINGER

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